

News Briefs

Change of command

The 14th Operations Group commander, Col. David Lewis, will relinquish command to Col. Eric Theisen June 14 in Hangar 1. Col David Gerber will officiate. Uniform will be UOD.

Lt. Col. Frank Rossi, 50th Flying Training Squadron commander, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Brian Donahoo at 8:50 a.m. June 27 in Hangar 1.

SAVE

The next Suicide And Violence Education brief will be held at 3:30 p.m. June 16 at the Philips Auditorium. For questions or more information call Airman Jamil Fitts at Ext. 2239.

New drinking policy

No one under the age of 21 will be permitted to purchase or drink alcoholic bevarages on Columbus AFB. Anyone found drinking underage will receive non-judicial or judicial punshiment including court-martial.

Speed dial saves lives

BLAZE TEAM members can reach 14th Flying Training Wing emergency responders by dialing 9-1-1 from any base phone, including those in military family housing. However, 911 calls from cellular phones will connect to the Lowndes County 911 center. Let the operator know you have an emergency on Columbus AFB, and they will directly transfer you to Columbus AFB 911.

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SUPT Class 06-10 graduates at 8 a.m. at the Columbus Club.

Columbus AFB Training Timeline									
Phase II				Phase III				Wing Sortie Board	
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required
37th (07-04)	10.49 days	2.56 days	June 27	48th (06-10)	0.00 days	0.05 days	Today	T-37	679
41st (07-05)	-2.77 days	0.27 days	July 20	50th (06-10)	2.00 days	-0.20 days	Today	T-38C	330
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Graduation speaker: Gen. Marc Rogers, 19th Air Force commander									

Initial Flight Screening contract awarded

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Air Force officials here announced May 30 that Doss Aviation, Inc., of Colorado Springs, Colo., has been officially awarded the Initial Flight Screening contract after the completion of an Air Force environmental assessment.

In February, the Air Force announced its intent to award a 10 year, \$178 million contract for initial flight screening to Doss Aviation, but official contract award depended on the outcome of an environmental assessment to evaluate any potential impacts the proposed flight operation might have on the environment. Based on the assessment, the Air Force has approved a Finding of No Significant Impact, or FONSI.

IFS evaluates candidates hoping to enter Air Force aviation training either as pilots or combat systems officers. Doss Aviation is expected to begin IFS operations in October 2006.

Under the contract with Doss Aviation, IFS operations will be conducted primarily at Pueblo Memorial Airport with auxiliary fields located at Fremont County Airport in Cañon City, Colo., and Fowler Airport in Fowler, Colo.

“IFS will prepare students for undergraduate pilot training and undergraduate combat systems officer training,” said Millie Vigil, Air Education and Training Command Contracting Squadron Technical Support and Training Flight commander. “The training Doss Aviation will provide our students will include about 19 training flights and all the support services our students will need during their training.”

The IFS contract is a turn-key operation providing all services, facilities and equipment to deliver flight screening to future Air Force aviators. The contractor will furnish all aircraft, air-

craft maintenance, certified flight instructors, fire/crash/rescue support, flight training center, lodging, dining, student transportation, physical fitness facilities, and installation security. In addition, the contractor will provide office space for a permanent-party military contingent to oversee the students in residence at the contractor’s training facility.

“Now our pilot and combat systems officer candidates will experience a flying training environment that more closely resembles undergraduate flying training,” said Lt. Col. Victor L. Rick, AETC initial flight training chief. “The new program will also be more rigorous than the past program. Our intention is to improve the candidates’ chances of succeeding in the very challenging Air Force pilot and combat systems officer training programs.”

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.)

Air Force launches civilian self-service system

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas -- The Air Force will launch two self-service modules that will allow civilians to access their personnel information beginning June 1.

My Biz will provide civilian employees access and the ability to update information about themselves; and My Workplace will provide military and civilian managers access to information about their staff.

“These modules provide enhanced access to personnel information by enabling civilians to access information they need immediately using the power of the Internet,” said Col. James Sturch, Air Force Personnel Center director of civilian force integration. “These modules are a key part of our effort to transform the way we deliver personnel services and our goal to put information in the hands of those who own it.”

My Biz allows employees secure, real-time, online access to view information such as benefits, awards and bonuses, and positions from their official personnel records. In addition, employees may update their telephone number and e-mail address, disability codes, race and national origin (ethnicity and race identification), and foreign language proficiency online with My Biz.

My Workplace brings key information to civilian and military managers and supervisors about their employees together in one place, streamlining the human resources decision-making process and helping to balance managerial tasks with day-to-day demands more easily.

My Workplace keeps managers and supervisors informed about their employees' personnel actions. With online access to employees' personnel information, managers are able to make budget decisions, staffing plans and work distributions more efficiently.

For more information about My Biz and My Workplace contact the local civilian personnel flight.

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The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates **Joy Shoemake** on being chosen as **Headquarters Air Education and Training Command's Financial Management Category II Civilian of the Quarter.** She is Columbus AFB's first civilian to ever win in this category.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **48 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed** worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



Toys for shots



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

Senior Airman Rebekah Quinn, 14th Medical Support Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Jessica Bond, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, give Garrett Steffes, 5, a toy after he received three shots Monday. The "Toys for Shots" program allows toys to be given to young children when they receive any shots at the base clinic. To donate toys to the immunizations clinic, laboratory or public health, call Airman Quinn at Ext. 2124 or Airman Bond at Ext. 2540.

24/7 services available to servicemembers

Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons

Air Education and Training Command

The Air Force is changing shape and size everywhere. Military Personnel Flights are part of this change. Their transformation has begun and is called Personnel Services Delivery.

Phase One of the transformation has seven groups of changes projected to be in place by December 2007.

"The process is very user friendly," said Capt. Beth Hart, acting 12th Military Personnel Flight commander. "The web-based personnel application is self-explanatory and easy to do. Also, there will always be someone you can call for help whether in your commander's support staff or the Air Force Contact Center."

For example, a retirement-eligible Airman would submit his retirement request to the AF Contact Center through Virtual MPF so that eligibility can be checked, said Air Force Personnel Center officials. Then the member can submit his final request through the vMPF and it will flow electronically to his commander of record before going back to the AF Contact Center for processing. Once approved, the AF Contact Center will send the member an electronic draft DD Form 214 for review and a final 214 will be mailed out.

Airmen are now also responsible for correcting mistakes in their duty history through the vMPF. This process requires that Airmen either scan and attach or

fax documentation for any requested change. CSSs are now only responsible for the current duty information.

Air Force personnel officials said currently MPFs perform about 37 processes. At the end of the Phase One timeline, they will perform only 19.

Key services that will still be available at the local MPF are testing, casualty assistance, passports, contingency exercises, leave accrual, and personnel support for contingency operations or PERSCO.

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, commonly known as DEERS, and other DOD stand-alone systems like ID cards will remain unchanged.

"Airmen will use the Virtual MPF and their CSSs more in order to accomplish the new on-line applications instead of coming into the MPF," Captain Hart said.

Step-by-step instructions are available in the online AF PSD Handbook at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/psd> and CSSs everywhere will be trained to assist Airmen in using the new PSD applications.

The purpose of the transformation is to improve access to accurate information and provide that access 24 hours per day 7 days per week. Airmen will now have a team of experts at the AF Contact Center 24 hours per day.

This PSD transformation is a key element in the Air Force's Smart Ops 21 vision of a leaner more efficient force.

New water sanitizing system keeps pool water safe for swim

2nd. Lt. Clara McDaniel

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

After many tests, the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron recognized the need to eliminate the potential exposure of chlorine to base personnel.

Chlorine is the main disinfecting chemical used in pools and jacuzzis to keep them free of bacteria.

While the bacteria killing properties of chlorine are useful, some side effects that can be both annoying and even hazardous to humans.

Some people find the distinctive smell of chlorine unpleasant or overwhelming. Others develop a skin reaction with irritation and itchiness. The chemical also causes fabrics to fade if not rinsed off immediately.

Extremely high amounts of chlorine gas hovering above a pool can also be hazardous to one's breathing. The Environmental Protection Agency even recognizes gaseous chlorine as an extremely hazardous chemical and has strict requirements on its tracking, labeling, storage and disposal. In fact, it is the only extremely hazardous chemical used and tracked at Columbus AFB.

All processes that once required the chemical were converted with the exception of the chlorination system at the pool. A new sanitizing system using pure non-iodized table salt, or sodium chloride, replaced the old one in October 2005.

The salt is a non-hazardous material that can be added to pool water while people are swimming. As the saline water passes through the chlorine generator, chlorine is produced.

Once the chlorine generated from the salt has killed the bacteria, it reverts back to salt and the process continues. As a result, annoying side effects caused by gaseous chlorine should be reduced significantly including itchy, irritated skin, bleached out swimming suits and a strong chlorine smell.



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14th FTW commander says farewell to CAFB

Col. Stephen Wilson
14th Flying Training Wing
commander



BLAZE TEAM – you rock! Today is a bittersweet day for the Wilson family. Bitter in that we will leave a phenomenal team — a team totally committed to excellence and to our mission of building the world's best leaders, warriors and pilots. You have continually set the command standard by which other wings are judged. However, today will also be sweet because you have filled the Wilson family with a lifetime of great memories ... memories of motivated, talented, dedicated people who have trained more than one-third of the Air Force's pilots, superbly supported me and embraced my family.

Together, we were challenged these last two years. Yet, in spite of these challenges, you excelled. Col. Dave Lewis and all the

professionals in the 14th Operations Group can be proud of much. They won the Air Force's best RAPCON and the command's best operations squadron ... twice. They did this despite three hurricanes, three major runway repairs, a zero-loaded class and many other challenges.

The 14th Mission Support

Group, under Col. Eugene Willet and Lt. Col. Bill Sherman, also faced some tremendous challenges and excelled. Their ops tempo has been enormous. They deployed more than 250 people during my tenure and despite this, they built a new RAPCON and tower, our Airmen's Montgomery Village, renovated Harpe and Similiar Boulevards, they are building a new mission support group headquarters, a new

fire station and graduation center. In short, they made Columbus the Air Force's "Showcase of the South." They won the command's best security forces squadron ... twice; the top engineering flight, best fire department ... twice; they also won the Department of Defense's best environmental award and six of seven individual contracting awards.

Col. Susan Hall and the 14th Medical Group set a blazing standard by leading the Air Force in 14 of 19 medical metrics, winning the Air Force's best TRICARE customer service and the Air Force's best small medical treatment facility with the command's No. 1 flight surgeon. **WOW!**

Under the direction of Lt. Col. Kevin Jenkins, my wonderfully fit wing staff agencies have also won numerous command-level awards – the WSA has been a source of rock-solid advice 24/7 ... and continuous pride.

Our contractors are also an integral part of the BLAZE TEAM. We simply could not do our mission without them. From our aircraft maintenance partners and sim-

ulator instructors, to our paving construction team and all other partners, they do a fantastic job.

You've all heard me say this before: We have something very special going on here at Columbus, and the foundation of this special place is great people. When great people work together as a team like you have, you build an even stronger and better force. You have all made the BLAZE TEAM the envy of the Air Force.

In the next few years, the BLAZE TEAM will face more big challenges from force shaping, to the T-6 bed down, to standing up the new Intro to Fighter Fundamentals Squadron, the 49th Flying Training Squadron. I know you'll find a way to make the challenging and the impossible look routine ... the BLAZE standard. I also know the BLAZE TEAM will embrace and welcome Col. Dave Gerber, his wife Louisa and his family just as you did mine. So from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all your dedicated service to our Air Force and nation, and for the friendship and support you have given me and my family.

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer.

All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

maintain an ideal weight.

It's an alarming fact that the average American adult gains at least 2 pounds per year over his or her lifetime. This means that a hypothetical 18-year-old weighing 150 pounds could weigh 274 pounds by age 80, almost double his or her weight.

While this example is overly simplistic, it does illustrate a disturbing trend about the declining health of our country's population. Perhaps even more concerning, we are not just maturing toward obesity, but obesity is increasing among our children.

The obesity epidemic is a public health concern and is increasingly publicized in the media and by our military leaders. A recent article published by the Associated Press, "Are U.S. Troops Too Fat to Fight?," illustrates the overweight trends of the active and reserve components as well as the weight issues plaguing new accessions into military service.

This article claims that 20 percent of all male recruits and 40 percent of female recruits are too heavy to enter the military. So, recruits are being told to lose weight and reapply.

Data from the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine indicates that 58.4 percent of Soldiers, age 21 and older, are overweight by federal stan-

dards, and 36.5 percent of Soldiers age 20 and younger do not meet the Body Mass Index standard.

This epidemic will certainly have a negative impact not only on individuals, but on society as a whole. Besides the increased risk for numerous chronic diseases and their socioeconomic impact on the nation, the inability to maintain a fit force could add a heavy burden to the military ranks.

On Jan. 1, 2004, then Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper implemented the Fit to Fight Program. This program is not just designed to pass an annual physical fitness test, but to change the culture of the Air Force and make fitness part of an Airman's lifestyle. Since implementation, commanders and senior NCOs, who play a key role in enforcing the new fitness standards and embracing this change in culture, have overseen an approximate 80-percent pass rate compared to 69 percent before implementation Air Force-wide.

So you might ask yourself, "What can I do to stop the trend?" It is time for everyone to get involved. We have to lead our troops to a healthier, fit lifestyle. All of us have to sell exercise and good diet to our Airmen. This will ensure the U.S. military maintains its legacy as the fastest, leanest and most powerful military in the world.

Everyone plays part in base mission

Lt. Col. Todd White
41st Flying Training Wing

Having been a part of the BLAZE TEAM for more than two years now, I continue to be amazed at the complex and demanding nature of our mission. Many base newcomers are shocked at the incredible effort it takes on the part of our active-duty military, reservists, civilians and contractors to produce one third of the Air Force's new pilots every year.

After all, it's not unreasonable to assume a small Air Education and Training Command base tucked away in Columbus, Miss., would be a calm and quiet place. Anyone who has been here more than a very short time knows that it's not. Building warriors, leaders and aviators for our Air Force is a challenging business – and an important one.

With our country and Air Force engaged in the global war on terror, it might be tempting for us to minimize the importance of our training mission. Teaching basic flying skills to young aviators may seem insignificant when compared with the real world operations our Airmen are engaged in around the globe every day.

We must remember that what we do here is a critical part of the overall Air Force mission. We lay the foundation upon which our Air Force of today and tomorrow stands. The basic skills, habit patterns and attitudes we develop in our student pilots now will impact the mission capability of our Air Force for years to come.

Seem like a stretch? Think I'm overstating it a bit?

Consider the importance of a good foundation when building or buying a home. No house – no matter how elaborate, beautiful or expensive it appears – will stand the test of time if it rests on a faulty foundation.

Unless you're in the construction business, however, you probably don't think much about your home's foundation unless it fails to do its job. How many times have you driven through a high dollar neighborhood and said, "Wow, look at that foundation?" Probably never.

We're generally more focused on the finished product, commenting instead on the architectural style, the brick, the roof line, the lighting or the landscaping. But, if you've ever lived in a home where the foundation has shifted or cracked, you know the incredible difficulties and costs that follow. You also know that sometimes those difficulties don't reveal themselves until years later – when the damage may be irreversible. Whether you're talking physical structures or our Air Force mission, foundation work isn't glamorous, but it is absolutely critical.

Making the tie between the work we do here everyday and the resulting capabilities demonstrated by our Air Force around the world can be challenging. In our squadron, we've adopted a simple three-word phrase to help us remember: "It Starts Here." It reminds us that while the world may marvel at the end result – a precision weapon delivered, an airdrop executed to perfection, fuel offloaded uneventfully, air supremacy maintained continually, a rescue mission pulled off flawlessly – we know that many of the Airmen who were a part of those success stories learned the basic skills they

needed to complete them right here at Columbus. We also know that the future combat capabilities of our Air Force will rest on the foundation we continue to build. It starts with us. It starts here.

We've also chosen to adopt that phrase on a more personal level. We're continually reminded of how important – and sometimes how challenging – it is to live out our Air Force core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do. And, while we can't always affect the behavior of others, we can do our part to make good decisions in our own lives on a daily basis. We can choose to tell the truth, treat others fairly, provide mutual support to our friends and co-workers, and be responsible if we decide to use alcohol. We can choose to do the right thing all the time and then to do things right, no matter what the task. In short, we can take responsibility for ourselves and take a stand for what we know is right. "It Starts Here" means it starts with me – with my thoughts, my attitude, my speech and my behavior. If we'll all accept an even higher level of personal responsibility, our wing, our Air Force and our world will be better for it.

Regardless of your role on our BLAZE TEAM, please don't underestimate the importance of our mission and of your impact on that mission. It takes all of us working together, living by our core values and accepting personal responsibility every day for us to be successful. When we do, the foundation we'll help build for our Air Force and this great nation will stand firm for years to come.

Air Force mission: It goes beyond the job

1st Lt. Heather Alden
39th Information Operations
Squadron

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. — Commanders and leaders are always reminding us how important we are to "the mission." But, how many of us really know what "the mission" is?

Iremember being a young senior airman at a commander's call at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., and hearing the question, "Do you understand how you contribute to the mission?"

Eyes glazed over, heads nodding, my peers and supervisors affirmed for the commander, "Yes, sir, we know how we contribute to the mission." I remember nodding myself. I was a communications troop. I made sure people could communicate. That was how I contributed to the mission. Nod, smile. Sure, I got it.

The funny thing is, I didn't even know what kind of aircraft we had at MacDill. How could I possibly have known where I fit in the mission if I didn't even know what the mission was?

Sure, I knew where to find the mission and vision statements, but to me, they were

just fancy words that ambiguously described what the base did. "Yada, yada, yada, global reach ... anytime, anywhere."

Don't get me wrong, I see the importance of these kinds of statements. They tell you where you are (mission statement) and where you're going (vision statement). But, if the troops can't translate them into facts and concrete concepts, they are just fancy words.

So, what is your unit's, your wing's, your major command's, the Air Force's and the Department of Defense's mission? How do you learn about it? How do you teach others what it is?

It's simple. You walk (or drive) around and ask questions. To help your troops understand your squadron's mission, take your flight members on an impromptu "tour" of other flights. Nothing formal, nothing fancy. It's peers teaching peers.

Ask other flights' members to tell your troops what they do in their flight every day. Tour the offices and the workspaces. Look at the tools and equipment. See it, hear it, touch it, smell it, taste it (sometimes).

When you're done learning about your unit, take a field trip to another squadron.

Do the same thing there. See, hear, touch, smell and taste. Make an effort to tour a different squadron every month.

Even if you are strapped for time day to day and have to arrange the tour for near the end of the work day, the insight the troops gain by understanding other units' operations is worth the time spent. If you take the time to do this, you'll be amazed at what you — and your troops — learn. You'll gain an understanding of how this big machine called the U.S. Air Force works. Understanding this will help you understand where you fit into the mission.

I guarantee you, had I been on a tour of a KC-135 Stratotanker when I was an airman at MacDill, I would have remembered what kinds of planes we had. I would probably even have understood the mission, or at least I would have understood that MacDill did aerial refueling.

Instead, when I was at MacDill, I sat in a building with no windows on 12-hour shifts doing communications stuff. I understood multiplexers and modems, bits and bytes. I was technically proficient at my job, but I was Air Force-stupid. I wasn't an Airman. I was a comm troop.

If you have the time and inclination to further develop your troops, expose them to things that show how "Big Blue" works. Teach them how to be operational Airmen. Teach about air operations centers, Air Staff and Joint Staff systems and how they interrelate. Teach them how we do what we do.

If you have time to go above even that, teach them the why by teaching them doctrine, strategy and airpower history, or show them where this information can be found. Lead them to the water. Inspire them to drink the water.

Becoming an Airman with a capital "A" is about more than just graduating on-the-job training. It's about continually developing an understanding of airpower.

Learning by walking around is so easy to do. It can be done at any level and the benefits are immeasurable. You get smart Airmen who understand the mission and how they contribute to it. It may take a little extra time out of your work day, but it will be time well-spent. If you're too busy to develop your troops, you are doing something wrong or your priorities may need a little adjusting.

Take the time. Develop your troops. Develop Airmen.



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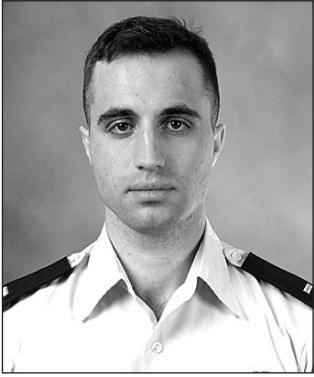
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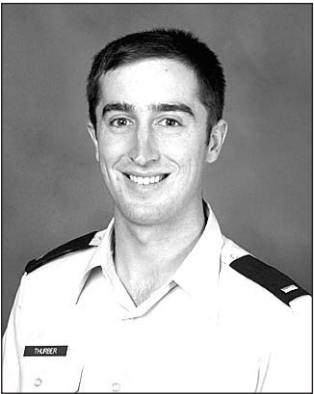
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SUPT Class 06-10 earns silver wings

Twenty-four officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 06-10 graduates at 8 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Columbus Club.

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Rogers, 19th Air Force commander, Randolph AFB, Texas. He is responsible for the day-to-day training of approximately 2,000 U.S. and allied students. The training ranges from entry-level flying training through advanced combat crew training, and ultimately provides fully qualified aircrew personnel for the warfighting commands.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Capt. Eric Waddell, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Andrew Pierce, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 1st Lt. Lindsey Bauer, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Pedro Esquivel Jr., T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Captain Waddell, Lieutenant Pierce and 2nd Lt. Darrell Dardenne, T-1, were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, sub-

sonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

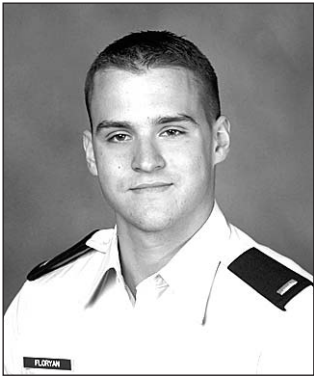
Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground

training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

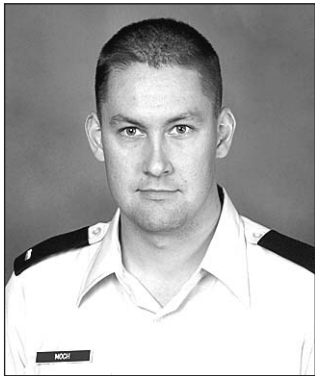
The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. **(Editor's note: The class' pilot partners are Beans & Cream and Brickerton Properties.)**



2nd Lt. David Floryan
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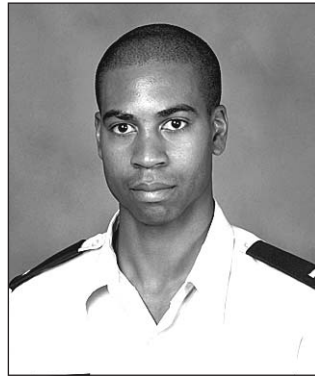
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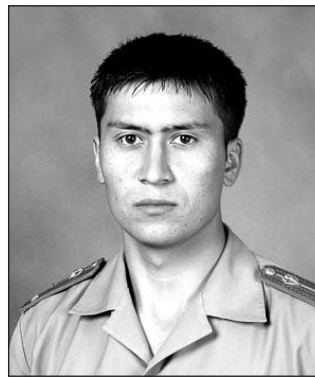
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T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



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C-130, Mansfield LAHM, Ohio



2nd Lt. Pedro Esquivel
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F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Services offers new activities to BLAZE TEAM

Home decor workshop: The arts and crafts center offers this workshop at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday. Participants will learn how to make a room divider. Cost is \$50 and includes all supplies. Register and pay by close of business today at the arts and crafts center. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

Push lawnmower maintenance class: Outdoor recreation is offering a free class on push lawnmower maintenance at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Participants will earn how to change spark plugs, oil and filters, as well as how to check the blades for safety. Anyone wishing to attend should urn in the make and model number of their mower by Wednesday so that parts will be available for purchase at the class. Call Ext. 7861 for more information.

Cruise seminar: The information, ticket and travel office offers a seminar on the who, what, where, when and how much of cruising in a seminar from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Columbus Club. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

Summer reading program: The base library offers its summer reading program, “Reading is Dyno-nite” at 10 a.m. every Wednesday beginning June 21 until July 26. Registration for the program is Sunday til June 17 and is open to children entering grades one through six for the 2006-07 school year. A different activity is scheduled each week with prizes awarded for the different age groups at the end of the program. For more information, call Ext. 2934.

Pool party family fun night: The Columbus Club’s

family fun night and pool party is scheduled for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Cost for adults is \$6.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$3.95 for members, and \$5.95 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat free. The menu includes tossed salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, sliced pizza, baked beans, potato chips, soda and bottled water.

Crafts classes: The arts and crafts center’s upcoming crafts classes feature seasonal projects. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Upcoming classes include making a patriotic heart, an Uncle Sam door hanging and a wooden flag box.

The youth classes are offered Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Upcoming classes include making a Father’s Day gift, an Uncle Sam made with popsicle sticks and a decorative visor.

A display of all projects is available in the arts and crafts lobby. Participants must register at least four days prior to the class date. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

Jazz dance classes: The youth center offers these classes for youth and adults. Cost is \$36 a month for ages 3 to 12 and \$40 a month for 13 and older. Monday classes are from 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 3 to 4 and from 1 to 2:50 for adults. Tuesdays classes are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 5 to 6, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 7 to 12 and 6 to 7:20 p.m. for adults. Wednesdays classes are from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 13 to 15 and from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m. for high school students. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Cheerleading spirit camp: The youth center offers

this camp for ages 6 to 18 July 17 to 21. Two sessions are available; 8 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child or \$40 for both sessions. Each program participant will receive 15 hours of instruction, a T-shirt, a certificate of course completion and the opportunity to provide feedback on the program. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Summer day camp: The youth center offers this program for youth who have completed kindergarten through sixth grades. Camp is offered from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is based on total family income. Activities include swimming, field trips, arts and crafts, sports and more. Register at the youth center or call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Parents day out: The child development center and youth center offer parents day out from from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 24. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. Parents must register their children by June 21. Call the child development center at Ext. 2478 or the youth center at Ext. 2504 for more information.

Buddy bass tournament: Outdoor recreation is hosting a buddy bass tournament June 17. Entry is \$100 per boat. First place prize is 70-percent of total purse, second place takes 15-percent of total purse and third place takes 10-percent. This tournament is open to any person eligible to utilize the Columbus AFB outdoor recreation program. Only two contestants per boat. Fishing location is any place on Columbus Lake and connecting Tenn-Tom Waterway. No fishing is permitted within 50-yearsds of another contestant’s boat that was first anchored at the location. Call Ext. 7861 for mroe information.

Auditions to be held for original play at base youth center

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

Base children have a unique opportunity to test their acting talents in the upcoming Missoula Children’s Theater production of “Beauty Lou and the Country Beast” at 3 p.m. June 17.

Auditions for casting is at 10 a.m. Monday at the youth center.

A team of professional tour actors and directors will arrive on base with scenery, costumes, props, make-up and basic lighting — everything it takes to put on a play, except the cast.

Fifty school-age children will be cast for the original musical production.

Line, staging, song and movement practice will begin immediately after auditions. Practices will be held for four and a half hours from June 12 through June 16 with a short break every two hours.

Not all cast members will need to attend all sessions.

The mission of the Missoula Children’s Theater is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts.

Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique and educational project.

For more information, contact the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:15 a.m. — Confirmation, with farewell to Lt. Col. Joseph Vu following
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship service at the Services Complex
10:45 a.m. — Traditional/Contemporary worship service at the chapel
Monday:
7 p.m. — Officer Christian Fellowship
Wednesday:
11:30 a.m. — OASIS at Phillips Auditorium
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study at chapel annex
6 p.m. — Navigator Study at chapel annex
Thursday:
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

For more information about other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Base Notes

Dorm dinner

All enlisted dorm residents are required to attend the dorm dinner at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the base chapel annex. Any dorm resident who will not be able to attend the dinner must notify their first sergeant.

Garage sales

On-base garage sales are only permitted the first Saturday of every month. Advertisements for sales are limited to yard signs or ads in the base paper only. Signs must be no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet. Displaying signs on utility poles and street signs is prohibited.

Advertising yard sales in the local media, excluding the base newspaper, is

also prohibited. People may locally advertise individual items for sale, such as automobiles, boats, washers, dryers or refrigerators.

Columbus AFB housing areas are located on a federal installation and the civilian public may only enter a military installation on official business, open house functions or social visitations. Yard and carport sales do not fall within these criteria.

Yard inspections

As a reminder, on random Wednesdays of each month, squadron and group commanders conduct yard inspections. There are at least two inspections every month, so residents are encouraged to have yards in inspection order every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

The family housing brochure, Columbus AFB Pamphlet 32-6002, includes the inspection standards and is available at the housing office. For more information, call the office at Ext. 7276.

Trash cans

Trash pick-up is on Mondays for Capitol Housing residents and on Thursdays for Magnolia and State Village residents. Residents with trash or recycling receptacles left curb-side later than noon the following day will be ticketed by the housing office.

Airmen and Family

(Editor’s note: *All activities are offered at the Airman and Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.*)

Hearts Apart social

A social gathering for families of personnel deployed or remote for more than 30 days is at 5:30 p.m. June 22. Information, refreshments and prizes are provided.

Give Parents a Break

This free childcare is offered from

Work of art



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

Senior Airman Shawn Arnett, 14th Communications Squadron, helps Tamika Simpson, 6, with her arts and crafts project Thursday during Vacation Bible School at the base chapel. More than 90 children ages 4 to 12 attended VBS.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 22. The Air Force Aid Society sponsors this program for active-duty Air Force families who are experiencing unique stresses such as deployments, remote tours of duty and extended working hours.

Families must be referred by one of the following: squadron commander or first sergeant, chaplain, doctor or medical professional, or personnel from family advocacy, the AFRC or child development center.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is at 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

Deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are held daily at 9 a.m. Family members of those

getting deployed are encouraged to attend the briefings. For more information, call Ext. 3974 or Ext. 2790.

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the AFRC.

Nature Trails

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horse-back ride along Columbus AFB’s Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call Ext. 7958.

Columbus Lock and Dam: Fully operational, the Columbus Lock and Dam is located on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, a 234-mile navigable channel linking the Tennessee River to Mobile, Ala. The Waterway is open daily and offers multiple opportunities for outdoor recreation including boating, fishing, picnicking, nature trails and playgrounds. Tours are available by appointment. No admission is charged. For more information, call 327-2142.

Peabody Hotel rooftop parties: Now through August, the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., features rooftop parties from 6 to 11 p.m. every Thursday. Admission is \$5 per person. The tradition of rooftop parties at The Peabody began in the 1930s and continues today as the social event of the season with live music, dancing, cocktails and views of the Mississippi River. For more information, visit www.peabodymemphis.com.

Poetry contest: Celestial Arts sponsors an amateur poetry contest for the public. The grand prize is \$1,000 and

\$50,000 in cash prizes will be awarded throughout the year. People can send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540; or enter online at www.freecontest.com. Submissions must include the authors' name and address. The deadline is June 30. For more information, e-mail thomasmike_us@yahoo.com

Bama Belle Sunset Cruises: This hour and a half cruise along the Black Warrior river banks is offered at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The event features live entertainment. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for children. No reservations are required. Dinner cruises are also available. For more information, call (205) 339-1108 or visit www.bamabelle.com.

EMCC cosmetology services: Students from the East Mississippi Community College cosmetology department offer services to military spouses now through June 30. Salon hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Appointments are encouraged and can be made

after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 243-1915. All services are performed by students in training under instructor supervision.

Services are offered at discount prices: haircut, \$3; haircut with shampoo, \$4; haircut with blow-dry style, \$6; press and curl, \$8; computer imaging with photo, \$10; hair color, \$11 and up, highlight (cap), \$16; highlight (weave), \$20; spiral perm, \$30; relaxer retouch with conditioner, \$15; pedicure, \$15; hot oil manicure with massage, \$6; polish change, \$2; eyebrow shaping (tweezed and waxed), \$3; and more. For a complete list of services, call 243-1915.

Career fair: A RecruitMilitary Career Fair is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20 at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, Ga. The hiring event is for veterans with a wide variety of work experience, men and women transitioning from active duty, members of the National Guard and reserves, and military spouses.

To prepare for the fair, register as a job seeker at www.recruitmilitary.com and arrive at the event with at least a dozen resume copies.

Sports Shorts

Swimming Lessons

Ages 3 to 18 can learn to swim during a two week program for the cost of \$40. Classes will are July 19 to July 30 and July 24 to Aug. 4 on Mondays through Thursdays with make-up on Fridays. Classes offered are beginners from 8 to 8:30 a.m., Intermediate from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and Advanced from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Call Ext. 7861 for more information.

Father's Day fun run

A family and pet friendly Father's Day fun run is at 7 a.m. June 16 at the fitness center. Call Ext. 2772 for information.

Father's Day no-tap tourney

This tournament is at 7:30 p.m. June 16 at the bowling center. Entry is \$10 per person and fathers will pay \$5. All levels of bowlers invited, but everyone must register by 7 p.m. the day of the event. Call Ext. 2426 for information.

Open Pick Golf Tournament

This event will be held June 17 and June 18. Participants will pick a professional golfer competing in the U.S. Open to add on to their score. The lowest net score wins. All pros must be chosen by 9 a.m. June 17. Entry is \$10 plus greens fees. Call Ext. 7932 for information.

Fishing tournament

A Buddy Bass Fishing Tournament is June 17 with an entry of \$100 per boat. First place is 70 percent of the total purse, second place takes 15 percent and third place takes 10 percent. This tournament is open to any person eligible to use the Columbus AFB outdoor recreation program. Only two contestants are allowed per boat. The fishing location is any place on Columbus Lake and connecting Tenn-Tom Waterway. No fishing is permitted within 50 yards of another contestant's boat that was first anchored at the location. Call Ext. 7861 for more information.

British Soccer Training Camp

The youth center is hosting this camp June 19 to June 23 for ages 3 to 16. British soccer camps provide young players with the opportunity to receive on-base high-level soccer coaching from a team of international expertise. Participants will receive challenger soccer ball, camp shirt and a camp award. Cost is \$60 for ages 3 to 4, \$90 for ages 4 to 6 and \$105 for ages 6 to 16. Participants can register at www.challengersports.com. For more information, cal the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Biggest Losers win big with weight loss

The Columbus Biggest Losers program culminated during an awards luncheon at the Columbus Club Tuesday.

Eighteen teams were recognized for their completion of the three-month weight loss competition.

Rob Wilburn, fitness center director, partnered with the base health and wellness center to design and implement this incentive program to encourage BLAZE TEAM members to adopt healthy lifestyles. The HAWC staff taught fitness classes and tracked team progress as well as provided diet and exercise plans. The fitness center staff taught participants the correct way to workout on the weight machines at the base gym.

"The program was catered to meet each participant's goal of fitness level," said Ellen Edmonds, health education program manager. "Everyone who finished the program far exceeded our expectations. We had more than a 1,147 pound weight-loss and a 327 percent body fat loss among the participants."

Fred Lewis, 14th Logistics Readiness Division, was the winner of the individual weight loss award. Mr. Lewis lost a total of 65 pounds during the program. He was also a member of the winning team - True Warriors. All together, True Warriors lost more than 159 pounds and more than 29 percent body fat. For their efforts, each team member earned a three-day, two-night stay in a city of their choice.

"Program participants gained knowl-



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

Fred Lewis, 14th Logistics Readiness Division, is handed a Columbus Biggest Loser certificate by Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, at the program's culminating luncheon Tuesday. Mr. Lewis, who lost 65 pounds during the three-month long program, was the individual winner of the competition. He and his team were awarded the first place at the luncheon for losing the most weight out of more than fifteen teams.

edge, motivation, support and hopefully the desire to continue a healthy lifestyle,"Ms. Edmonds said. "BLAZE TEAM members will have the opportunity to continue their exercise habits with Columbus' Amazing Race."

Teams of no more than six people will compete in a "race" to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio - a total of 626 miles. Participants can run, walk, bike, swim or use elliptical machines to earn mileage.

All activities must start at the fitness center or the base pool. Teams can include active duty, civilians, contractors and dependants older than 16 years. Only two active duty members in the excellent fitness category are allowed per team. To register, call the HAWC at Ext. 2235 or Ext. 2908; or e-mail ellen.edmonds.ctr@columbus.af.mil or stephanie.akins@columbus.af.mil. (Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing)



Tech. Sgt. Mikal Canfield

Going for the gold

Staff Sgt. Michael Cole assists gold-medal winner Desirae Tyquiengco during the 2006 Guam Special Olympics aquatic event on Saturday. Volunteers from the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Andersen AFB, Guam, assisted during the events, acting as official timekeepers, distributing medals and helping in other areas.